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FM AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4268

INFO AMEMBASSY ACCRA

AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

AMEMBASSY BAMAKO

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DEPT FOR A/SY/FO FROM RSO

ACCRA FOR RCO

ADDIS ABABA FOR RSS

BAMAKO FOR PSO

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: ASEC, ACOM

SUBJECT: SECURITY AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. IN OUR EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE SECURITY POSTURE OF OUR POSTS IN WEST AFRICA, WE ARE FACING AN ON-GOING PROBLEM OF VERY POOR, LIMITED, OR IN SOME CASES, NON-EXISTENT TELEPHONE SERVICE FOR AMERICAN PERSONNEL.

2. THE SOLUTION USED IN MOST CASES AND RECOMMENDED BY THIS OFFICE HAS BEEN THE ISSUANCE OF HN-36'S, OR IN A FEW CASES, PR-36 OR PR-56 TO KEY OFFICIALS OF ALL AGENCIES AND TO OTHER PERSONNEL WHO FOR WHATEVER REASON COULD NOT OBTAIN LOCAL TELEPHONE SERVICE OR IN CASES WHERE TELEPHONES INSTALLED WERE INOPERABLE.

3. A RECENT DEMONSTRATION IN BAMAKO, MALI IS ILLUSTRATIVE, IN PART, OF THE PROBLEM BEING FACED IN THIS AREA. THE WIFE OF AN AMERICAN CITIZEN WAS ASSAULTED BY A MOB DEMONSTRATING

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AGAINST AMERICAN IMPERIALISM IN FRONT OF THE PEACE CORPS

HEADQUARTERS. DUE TO THE PHONE SERVICE, THE PC COULD NOT CONTACT THE EMBASSY AND THE EMBASSY WAS UNABLE TO WARN ALL AMERICAN PERSONNEL TO STAY CLEAR OF THE AREA.

4. THIS OFFICE SUPPORTS THE DESIRE OF OUR AREA POSTS TO PROVIDE EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATIONS TO ALL OF ITS PERSONNEL.

5. A RECENT REQUEST FOR 13 HN-36'S BY THE EMBASSY BAMAKO, BASED UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE RSO AND MTT, WAS CONSIDERED TO BE EXCESSIVE BY THE RCO/ACCRA.

6. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS AND ADVICE REGARDING THIS PROBLEM DOES THE DEPT AND SY SUPPORT THIS POLICY? AND IF NOT, WHAT IS THE POLICY REGARDING THE ISSUANCE AND USE OF RADIOS?
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